

**Senate Government Operations Committee 1**

**Amendment No. 2 to SB1392**

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Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1392**

**House Bill No. 1049\***

by deleting subsection (a) in 71-4-2103 of SECTION 1 of the bill as amended and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The council for the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing shall consist of eighteen (18) members and shall be composed as follows: the commissioners of education, human services, health, mental health and substance abuse, and safety or their designees, the assistant commissioner of rehabilitation services or the assistant commissioner's designee, a representative of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, a representative of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the President of Tennessee Association of the Deaf, two (2) deaf consumer representatives appointed by the governor, one (1) President of a Hearing Loss Association of America Chapter, two (2) hard of hearing consumer representatives appointed by the governor, the President of the Tennessee Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the President of the Tennessee Hands & Voices, one (1) deaf-blind representative who may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested deaf-blind groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Organization of the Deaf-Blind and the TN Deaf-Blind Association, and one (1) minority representative who may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested minority deaf advocate groups including, but not limited to chapters of the Tennessee Black Deaf Advocates. In appointing the deaf-blind representative and the minority representative to the council as provided in this subsection, the governor shall consult with interested

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deaf-blind and minority deaf advocate groups to determine qualified persons to fill the positions.